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In re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1645
Shu-Ching Cheng, et al.) Examiner: Ja-Na Hines
Serial No.: 08/900,559)
Filed: July 25, 1997)
For: METHODS OF USE OF ONE STEP)
IMMUNOCHROMATOGRAPHIC)
DEVICE FOR STREPTOCOCCUS A)
ANTIGEN)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed July 30, 2002. This extension is effective to allow the timely filing of a response up to and including December 30, 2002.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
(37 C.F.R. § 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with anything referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$400.00 to cover the extension fee associated with this Petition. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee required or to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. **50-1273**.

Respectfully submitted,

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